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THE BEEMAN, BEAMAN, BEEMON FAMILY  
OF NORTH CAROLINA AND MISSISSIPPI  
ESPECIALLY THE IVY BEEMAN LINE

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The Beeman family of Newton County and Lauderdale County, Mississippi, is believed to be descended from Jeremiah Beeman of Green County, North Carolina.

In 1911 an application for membership in The National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution was accepted from Mrs. Leila Beaman Gordon, wife of William D. Gordon, Pickens, Miss. She stated that her ancestor was Jeremiah Beaman, born in Virginia, 17 May 1751 (1757?) and died 12 Oct. 1836. He was in Dobbs County, North Carolina, 1790, and quoting from her application: "a private in Martin's Co. 2nd N.C. regiment, Revolutionary War. His name appears on an abstract, not dated, of the muster rolls of the North Carolina line of the army of the U.S. in the Rev. War, as a private who enlisted for the war & continued, during so far as could be ascertained from the rolls. Abstract shows that he enlisted in 1777... The name of the said Jeremiah Beamon appears last on a roll of Capt. John Ingle's Co. 2nd N.C. Batt'n, commanded by Col. John Patton, Rev. War, dated Sept. 8, 1778... All Jeremiah Beaman's children except Edmond lived and died in vicinity (of Dobb's County, N.C.) Edmund went to Tennessee in 1833 with his family & his sons afterward moved to Mississippi."

Mrs. Leila Beaman Gordon further stated her birth occurred in Yazos County, Mississippi, "I am the daughter of Noah Beaman, born 5/9/1826 died 11/21/1881 and his only wife Elizabeth Day born 5/30/1833 died 8/15/1904, married 1/12/1859. The said Noah Beaman was the son of Edmund Beaman born 1/29/1796 died 12/3/1873 and his only wife Milliecent Moore born 8/15/1803 died 2/26/1865. The said Edmund Beaman was son of Jeremiah Beaman born 1751 died 1836 and his wife Miss Barrow born June 19 1763 died July 19 1845 married ? 7 1786."

The children of Jeremiah Beaman are given in the application as follows: John

- Miles born ca 1794
- Edmund born 1/29/1796
- James
- Marmaduke
- Noah
- Jessee
- Emanuel
- Sarah, died young
- Temperance
- Margaret Rhodes
- Huldah

From one source comes information that the wife of Jeremiah was Ruth Barrow.

The Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, has among its papers relating to Revolutionary warrents and grants the following: #342, heirs of Jeremiah Beaman, pvt. N.C. line 640 acres, issued July 1, 1820. An heir at law is Martha Bennett of Wake County, N.C. formerly Beaman. She sold warrent to Daniel Cherry on Oct. 8, 1819. Wit: Bennett Jones, Sally Jones, Sally Flowers.

The 1790 census of Newbern District, Dobbs County, North Carolina, shows (p. 135) Edmond Beaman and Jeremiah Beaman. The 1800 census of Green County, N.C. (Green was formed from Dobbs in 1799) shows Jeremiah, Noah, and Edmond Beeman. Jeremiah Beeman has 5 males under 10, 1 male 10-16, 1 male 26-45, 3 females under 10, 1 female 26-45. Edmond Beeman had 1 male 16-26, 1 male over 45, 1 female 16-26, 1 female 26-45. Noah Beeman had 2 males under 10, 1 male 26-45, 3 females under 10, 1 female 16-26, and 1 female over 45.

The 1820 index to Greene County, N.C. shows James, Miles, Edmond, Jerimah, Edmond, Esqr., and Marmaduke Beaman.

The 1850 census of Green County, N.C. has several Beemans, apparently sons and grandsons of Jeremiah, comparing census with DAR application of Mrs. Gordon.

Greene County, North Carolina. 1850 census.

♀ #303	George Beeman	24	N.C. farmer
	Penny	18	N.C.
♀ #310	Marmaduke Beeman	50	N.C. farmer
	Mourning	40	
♀ #312	Mary	14	
	Sarah	12	
♀ #313	Turner	10	
	Angelina	7	
♀ #314	Luvoir (female)	4	all born N.C.
♀ #312	Jessee Beeman	49	N.C. farmer
	Elizabeth	48	
♀ #313	Jesse R	20	
	Benjamin C	18	
♀ #314	Edmund D	16	
	Joseph	14	
♀ #313	Kintoken J. (male)	12	
	William H	9	
♀ #314	Martha A	6	
	Neg Jolly (female)	18	all born N.C.
♀ #313			
	Noah Beeman	52	N.C. farmer
♀ #314	Janey	51 (57)	
	Aesley S. (female)	20	
♀ #314	Margaret E	17	
	Noah	15	
♀ #314	Gardner Know	19	laborer
	Kintchen Neuy (male)	20	laborer all born N.C.
♀ #314			
	Raul Beeman	33	N.C. farmer
♀ #314	Mary	37	
	Margaret C	1	
♀ #314	Martha S. I.	3/12	
	Mary Bowden	10	all born N.C.

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J #315	James Beeman	54 N.C. farmer
	Sarah	57
	Isaac Bowden	7
	James W "	4 all born N.C.
J #316	James Beeman Jr.	28 N.C. cooper
	Weafthge I (female)	22 N.C.
J #318	Esention Beeman	50 N.C. farmer
J #334	John Beeman	62 N.C. farmer
	Ritta	63
	Elisha A.	29
	Reda (female)	25
	Mary Ann H.	23
	Willi (male)	22 all born N.C.
J #362	Miles Beeman	62 N.C. farmer SR
	Abia	36
	Margaret	23
	John	22 all born N.C.
J #399	John Beeman	50 N.C. farmer
	Ruthe	53
	Rufus C.D.	21 school teacher MARRIED A SPEIGHT
	Remula M	18
	Martha A. R.	13 all born N.C.

J #401, residence of Baset Sykes, age 44, and Maryann age 43, born N.C. merchant. is Jerry Beeman, 35, N.C. clerk.

Edgecombe County, N.C. 1850 census.

J #484	Beeman, Miles	36 N.C. laborer JR
	Sena	28
	Fanny	6
	Louisa	3
	George W.	2 all born N.C.

What appears to be same family is also #67, and gives spelling of wife's name as Cenith, and also lists unnamed son, few months old.

The index to 1840 census of Tenn. shows only three Beeman heads of family: Henry County -Perlina Beeman-oldest male 30-40 Fentress County- Thomas Beaman-oldest male 40-50 Perry County- Daniel Beman- oldest male 30-40

The 1850 Census of Henry County, Tenn. has Edmund Beman, age 55, born N.C. with Ridley, age 30, Freelove, age 20, and Frances A., age 16.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N.C., DEED BOOK 23, 1841-45, p. 597, transcribed from microfilm print: "This indenture was made this 6th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five between Miles Beeman Senr. of the State of North Carolina and the County of Green of the one part and Ivy Beeman of the same State and county afore said son of the said Miles Beeman of the other part witnessed that the said Miles Beeman for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he has unto the said Ivy Beeman has given granted allowed released and confirmed and by these presents does grant and convey unto the said Ivy Beeman and his heirs and assigns all of a certain tract of land lying and being in the county of Edgecombe on the south side of little contenary creek adjoining the lands of Benj. C. D. Eason, John Beeman, Silas Walston, and this containing one hundred and thirty and a half acres to the same more or less together with the privileges and all things appertaining thereto and all the estate right title and interest of him the said Miles Beeman in and thereto. To have and to hold the above named lands and all appurtenances therof to him the said Ivy Beeman and his heirs and assigns to his and their proper use and behoofs (?) forever and I the said Miles Beeman do hereby warrent and forever defend the right and title of the above named lands unto the said Ivy Beeman his heirs and assigns forever against the claims of all person or persons in testimony whereof I here unto set my hand and seal in the presence of

Bassett Sikes  
Marimon Allen

his  
MILES X BEEMAN  
mark

Seal

Edgecombe County Court, May term, 1845: "The execution of the above Deed of Gift was duly acknowledged in open court by Miles Beeman for the purposes therein mentioned and ordered to be registered. TEST. Jn, Norfleet Clrk."

The above deed provides the only information showing that Ivy Beeman is the son of Miles Beeman, Senior. In the 1850 census of Lauderdale County, Miss. the next dwelling to Ivy Beeman is Silas Walston.

The data on Ivy Beeman was compiled through the efforts of Ray Beeman of Memphis, Tenn., grandson of Ivy. Ray Beeman provides the following on Ivy Beeman: "IVY BEEMAN, born 13 Oct. 1819, died 28 Sept. 1900, married THEREZA ANN LATNA EASON on 10 Dec. 1844, in Edgecombe County, N.C. Ivy, his wife Theresa, and baby son Ivy Hines left North Carolina by ox cart in 1849 and came to New Meridian, Mississippi. We do not know where he lived there at that time but it must have been close to Meridian because my father Eli said he heard Ivy say he could have bought the land that is now in Meridian for \$1 per acre.

"During the Civil War Ivy Beeman guarded Yankee prisoners in the log stockade at Meridian in the company of Captain Hall. The stockade was built with logs standing and inserted in the ground.

"My dad Eli told me once that food got pretty scarce in the company that Ivy was serving and several of the men knew of a person that lived close to the camp that had some fat hogs in a pen and several of the men slipped over one night to swipe one of the hogs and one man stood guard. One man was to hit the hogs on the head with an ax while the others herded them to him. Well, when he struck he hit the hog a glancing blow and it squealed so loud that they were afraid they would be caught so they ran.

"It is my understanding that Ivy bought the section of land he owned just after the Civil War and that the logs to build his double panned log house was already gotten out and ready to raise.

"The land is in Lauderdale County and adjoining Newton County on the west side.

"Ivy bought a cotton gin and a grist mill and erected it on a small stream just east of the Tom Beeman place. When a child I remember some of the machinery laying on the ground. The building was gone.

"Ivy also bought a molasses mill. That is a cane grinder and a cooking pan for the juice to be cooked in. I do not know what Ivy paid for the outfit but my dad told me that they paid for it with the 'tole' of the first year.

"In that day and time when you carried corn to the mill to have it ground in corn meal the miller kept part of the corn as a toll to pay for his service, the same as for cooking molasses (syrup) the toll was the 4th or 5th gallon and the count was kept by a notch stick, one notch on stick for each gallon.

"I do not remember if this happened at Ivy's mill or not but Eli and a Bill Butler were running the mill and they had a man helping them and working around a cotton gin loose cotton would cling to you. Well, the man helping run the mill came down to the boiler to get warm for it was cold and Bill Butler's son Dick set the cotton afire that was on the man's pants and it scared the man and he ran and jumped into the mill pond to put out the fire.

"A neighbor of ours a James R. Richardson told me one time that Eli Beeman did what was right because it was right to do so. I guess I was about 12 or 14 years of age then and it did not make much difference to me then but it does now. My dad Eli was a good man and if we kids got out of line we got punished but as long as we were right he stood up for us."

Another grandson of Ivy Beeman, James Jay Beeman of Amarillo, Texas, who died in 1965, wrote the following:

"Great grandfather Ivy Beeman was born in Ireland and came to North America. He had six sons, one of whom was also named Ivy Beeman. Grandfather Ivy Beeman was born in Wilson County, North Carolina, Oct. 13, 1819. Grandfather Ivy moved by oxcart to Collinsville, Lauderdale County, Miss. in 1849 with his first wife Theresa Ann Latna Eason Beeman (she of German descent) and their baby son, Ivy Hines Beeman. Six more children were born to them after they moved to Mississippi. Their children were

Ivy Hines, Lemon Gray, James Rufus, Alonzo Lafayette, Eliza Ann, John Wilburn and William Jasper Beeman. Grandfather Ivy's first wife was buried at Battle Field Old Church, Newton County, Miss. before the Civil War. Grandfather Ivy guarded Yankee prisoners in the stockade at Meridian, Miss., during the Civil War 1861-1865, under Captain Dr. Hall Company. Grandfather Ivy later married Savannah Cross Woodward Beeman. She had seven children named Thomas Morgan, George Washington, Eli Woodward, Laucinda, Martha Ann, Walter Franklin and Mary Rebecca Beeman. Grandfather Ivy had left his five brothers in North Carolina and never heard from any of them after he moved to Mississippi. Grandfather Ivy died Sept. 28, 1900, and was buried at Old Liberty Church near Duffee, Newton County, Miss."

Howard R. Freeman of Meridain, Miss., wrote the following: "My grandmother (Liza Beeman, daughter of Ivy) told me when I was a small kid, that her father (Ivy) gave her about 1/2 that place that lies east of the old home place which was full of tall pines and was the place they got their timber for their home. He also gave her 2 cows and other things so they could get a start."

The Old Liberty Church cemetery, Newton County, Miss., has several Beeman graves:

Ivy Beeman Oct. 1819- Sept 13 1900  
Savanna Beeman, wife of Ivy, Sept. 1 1837-May 15 1908

Alonzo L. Beeman (son of Ivy) June 13 1856-Apr. 28 1930  
Maggie Ann Beeman, wife of Alonzo, July 10 1870-Feb. 20 1943

William J. Beeman (son of Ivy) Jan 29 1867-Jan. 10 1937  
Frances L. Beeman, wife of Wm) April 4 1870- July 17, 1946

Joshua J. James (son-in-law of Ivy) Mar. 22 1872-May 30 1947  
Mattie Ann James, wife of Joshua, Feb 8 1875-May 9 1955

Ray Beeman recalls his father saying Ivy belonged to a Joinerite church. The Old Liberty cemetery is what was once called the Joinerite church grave yard. A history of Newton County, Miss., shows that the Joinerite Baptists withdrew from Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist church of Kemper County and were organized as an independent church with Rev. William Joiner as their pastor. This church was the only one in Newton County belonging to the Joinerite group. Mr. Ray Beeman also wrote "in 1910 on the second Sunday in June a Long Book Singing (Christian Harmony book) with dinner on the ground was started and they have not missed a date in the 66 years. The Beemans call it the Beeman reunion but it seems to me that it should be the Rigidon reunion, for the Rigidons do the singing and the Beemans do the listening."

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